

Pokagon State Park

August 1 - 18, 2016 and Other Park Events

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NATURE CENTER SUMMER HOURS
Open Daily 10 – 5 p.m.

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All our programs are on
Eastern Daylight Savings
Time.

The DNR Calendar is
Available at
www.calendar.in.gov

Potawatomi Inn Activities

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.
Take a leisurely 1-1.5 hour ride on our pontoon boat where you will be able to explore the first and second basin of Lake James. You will learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park in this fun tour. Check the front desk for launch times. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children under 12 years old. These can be purchased at the Boathouse.
Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...




Monday (August 1st)


10:30 a.m. BUG BINGO - Buzz, fly or crawl on over to the Nature Center where we will see how many different types of bugs we can catch. Everyone hunts for bugs to get a BINGO! Prizes will be awarded.
2:00 p.m. TURTLE TIME - Turtle trot on over to the Nature Center to meet and learn about turtles.




Tuesday (August 2nd)

 **2:00 p.m. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS – AN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** - Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium where we will show a 60-minute PBS - TV documentary on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Wednesday (August 3rd)

10:30 a.m. LIFE IN A NUTSHELL - Come to the Nature Center program area for a program all about the life cycle of trees! We'll begin with a brief discussion and end by collecting leaves for a leaf-rubbing craft that makes a great camp keepsake. 

 **2:00 p.m. HISTORY HIKE BY BIKE** - Pedal back in time and learn about the history of Pokagon State Park with a guided bicycle tour. Bring your bike and helmet and meet the Naturalist at the Camper's Store or arrive early to rent one from the Camper's Store.

Thursday (August 4th)

2:00 p.m. NATURE JOURNALS - Come to the Nature Center for this fun craft! Create your own Nature Journal that you can use to record the plants and animals you discover at Pokagon.

Friday (August 5th)

10:30 a.m. SMAMMALS! – Learn more about Pokagon's smallest mammals in this fun program where we look for signs of them and try to survive as one. Meet at the Nature Center.
2:00 p.m. CRITTER FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch some of our resident reptiles and amphibians eating their food!



Hoosier Quest State Park Pin and Patch Program



This is a great program for all ages and families. There are fun activities that have you exploring all of our Indiana State Parks. Stop by the Nature Center any time and learn how you can earn a patch or pin!

Saturday (August 6th)

10:30 a.m. BIRD OLYMPICS - The 2016 Summer Olympics starts today! Experience the spirit in these fun competitions at the Nature Center. You will see how well you measure up to some of our native birds!

2:00 p.m. PAINT CHIP HIKE - Explore the flora and fauna of Trail 1 as we try to match colors to objects in nature. Meet on the Nature Center lawn.



Sunday (August 7th)

8:30 a.m. MORNING MEANDER - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other summer wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

Monday (August 8th)



2:00 p.m. POKAGON POSTCARDS - Take a look at postcards from Pokagon's past and stay to create one of your own in the Nature Center Auditorium.

Tuesday (August 9th)

2:00 p.m. AWESOME AMPHIBIANS! - Hop on over to the Nature Center where we explore the differences and similarities between some of Pokagon's live awesome amphibians.



Wednesday (August 10th)

2:00 p.m. S'MORES GALORE! - It's National S'mores Day! Meet the Naturalist outside the Nature Center to experience a s'moregasbord of this tasty campfire treat and learn a little bit about the history of this snack.

Thursday (August 11th)

No programs available today. The Nature Center is open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday (August 12th)

10:30 a.m. BIODIVERSITY HIKE - Discover the rich variety of Northern Indiana as we explore Trine State Recreation Area. Meet the Naturalist at the Wild Turkey Shelter to make a souvenir that will help you remember the biodiversity we find.

2:00 p.m. BEAVER TALES - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center to discover some fascinating facts about Nature's engineers and where to look for them in the park.

Saturday (August 13th)

10:30 p.m. DENIZENS OF THE DARK - Many of Pokagon's animals only come out at night! Come to the Nature Center to find out how these critters use the darkness to their advantage.

Noon - 4:00 p.m. FOLK MUSIC CONCERT - Enjoy local folk musicians playing in a beautiful setting rain or shine at the Trine State Recreation Area's Wild Turkey Shelter. This concert is FREE thanks to the Steuben County Tourism! Park gate fees of \$7 in-state and \$9 out-of-state still apply.



7:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. 29TH ANNUAL STAR SPECTACULAR! - On this special night the Pokagon Naturalists, local astronomers, and the Astronomical Society of Hillsdale County join forces to bring you a stellar night! The highlight of the evening is viewing the annual Perseid Meteor Shower. Visitors are invited to gather on the CCC Shelter lawn anytime during the above hours. The activities are informal and on-going, taking turns looking through telescopes and hearing star stories. In case of clouds, contact the nature Center (260) 833-3506 before 5:00 p.m. or the Inn Lobby (260) 833-2012 after 5:00 p.m. to inquire about the program status.



Sunday (August 14th)

8:30 a.m. BIRDS BEFORE BREAKFAST - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other summer wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

Monday (August 15th)

2:00 p.m. A FENTASTIC HIKE - Discover the plants and animals that call the special fen wetland habitats of Gention Lake home. Gather at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center for this short hike.

Tuesday (August 16th)

10:30 a.m. SCOOP ON SCAT - Do you ever see a dropping and wonder who left it behind? Learn to read the clues in scat and play a game where we get the scoop on poop!



2-3 p.m. BIRD WINDOW BINGO - Stop at our Nature Center window anytime during the hour to see how quickly you can win a BINGO in this fun game of bird identification.

Wednesday (August 17th)

10:30 a.m. ROLLING OAKS HIKE - Roll on over to the Wild Turkey Shelter at Trine State Recreation Area to meet the Naturalist for a 1 ½ hour discovery hike through fen wetlands, dry prairie, and hardwood forest. Bring water and good hiking shoes.



Thursday (August 18th)

10:30 a.m. THE BEST NEST - Which nest is best when it comes to different birds? Learn how our flying friends use different materials and structures to create their nests and stay to make a nest of your own.

2:00 p.m. ONCE UPON A TRAIL - Hike along Trail 1 as we enjoy a storybook adventure! Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for this page-turning program.